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Alaska Military Youth Academy to graduate 154 cadets

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska – The Alaska Military Youth Academy will celebrate more than 20 years of service to the State of Alaska during the graduation of 154 cadets of Class 2015-2 from its ChalleNGe program Friday, Aug. 28.

The 10 a.m. graduation ceremony will be held on the main floor of the Egan Civic and Convention Center in the Explorers Hall. The Egan Center is located in the heart of downtown Anchorage. The ceremony will feature Alaska Gov. Bill Walker as the keynote speaker and video messages from members of our Alaska congressional delegation.

During their 22-week residential phase at the AMYA ChalleNGe program, the corps of cadets focused on academic excellence, leadership and followership, physical fitness, life coping skills, responsible citizenship, vocational training and service to the community. The 154 cadets set to graduate from the Alaska Military Youth Academy will join the 4,486 previous graduates since 1994.

Upon graduation, cadets take part in the yearlong Post-Residential phase where graduates return to their communities to put into practice the life skills principles they received and continue their education (high school, college or vocational schools), enter the workplace, or enter the military. The goal of this phase is for graduates to sustain and build on the gains made during the residential phase while serving as a productive member of society.

The Alaska Military Youth Academy continues to fill its mission: “To help intervene in and reclaim the lives of youth and produce program graduates with the values, skills, education and self-discipline necessary to succeed as adults.”

Who: Alaska Military Youth Academy
What: Graduation ceremony for 154 cadets
Where: William A. Egan Civic and Convention Center, 555 W. 5th Ave., Anchorage
When: Friday, Aug. 28, 10 a.m.

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